

SEEKS MILLIONS OF A. T. STEWART

Twenty-four Years After the Great Merchant's Death Third Cousin Comes from Ireland to Claim His Fortune.

HILTON HEIRS TO FIGHT.

Belfast Man Retains an Eminent French Attorney and Grave Charges of Fraud Are Openly Made and as Vigorously Denied.

Twenty-four years after the death of A. T. Stewart a new effort is to be made to wrest from the Hilton heirs possession of his millions. This time the claimant is John Stewart, who says he is a third cousin of the famous merchant, and who comes from Belfast, Ireland, to press his alleged rights to a share in the great estate.

He has employed G. Gale Needham, of Embury, Needham & Vail, No. 44 Pine street, to represent him in court, and notice has already been served upon Horace Russell, trustee of the estate, that a motion will be made in the Supreme Court to place on the calendar a suit for a pro rata share in the "Old London Street" property in Broadway.

The announcement is made that this is merely a test case and that if it succeeds others will follow for a like share in the Stewart Building, the St. Nicholas Hotel, the Park Avenue Hotel and other pieces of valuable property.

All Other Efforts Failed.

Other alleged relatives have sought in court to establish similar claims, but all have been thrown out on the ground that relationship was not established. This time, it is declared, will not invalidate the present suit, as the attorneys for John Stewart insist that he has indisputable proof that he is a relative of A. T. Stewart.

His assertions are backed by the testimony of the Rev. John Fitzpatrick, a missionary in the Order of Oblates. He has come from Ceylon to aid John Stewart, who is his cousin.

Father Fitzpatrick cannot, because of his religious obligations, accept a portion of the estate, but it is said that he is anxious that the others should get their dues. Not only because of his standing in the church, but because of the fact that he knew A. T. Stewart well, his testimony is regarded as of the greatest value. He will declare upon the stand, if the case ever comes to trial, that John Stewart and A. T. Stewart were third cousins. At present he is at Greenpoint.

Has French Counsel.

The actual attorney in the case is Albert Denans d'Artigues, a member of the French bar, at present living at No. 229 West Fifty-eighth street. He was employed by John Stewart to take the matter up, but owing to the fact that he is a non-citizen, he cannot appear in the American courts. It is for this reason that he has employed local counsel. The brief in the case, however, was drawn by him and is supported by much documentary evidence to show the relationship of his client with A. T. Stewart. In the gathering of this more than seven years was consumed.

Never Produced in Court.

The brief continues:

"That no inventory was taken of the estate.

"That the original of that pretended will has never left the hands of Hilton or his successors, and has never been produced in court.

"That the pretended will of A. T. Stewart had never been written by himself.

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SYNDICATE TO BUY RICH WIVES

American Daughters of Wealth Shocked at Revelation of the Method Employed by Nobles to Win Heiresses.

PAY FOR INTRODUCTION.

Baron Munchausen, whose suit for Blackmail Unmasked the Conspiracy, Spins Yarn as Interesting as His Famous Ancestor.

American heiresses who contemplate marrying titled foreigners were shocked to-day when they learned of the revelation just brought out in Berlin concerning the operations of what is known as the "marriage syndicate," the members of which contract for certain sums to provide rich wives for impetuous noblemen.

It all came out in the trial of the case of Baron Munchausen, a relative of the famous Munchausen who married Miss Martha Washington Beckel, of No. 29 West Sixty-ninth street, and who charged that the "syndicate" had tried to blackmail him. He lost his case.

The Baroness, who is now in this city, was surprised when told of the outcome. "I cannot believe it possible," she said. "There may be circumstances of which I am unaware, but I am sure that my husband is one of the most honorable and upright men in the world."

Powerful and Far-Reaching.

If the testimony brought out in court is to be believed, the "syndicate" is powerful and far-reaching. Its principal business is to provide the funds for noble suitors who a-wooing go and at the same time to find the fair heiress. For this a percentage of the marriage dot is demanded in return. It is hinted that in Munchausen's case 5 per cent was to have been the fee, but for the fact that he failed to marry the young woman first selected.

In the conspiracy it is said are included a woman of high rank in Berlin who has been able to reach young army officers who move in the most exclusive circles. Joined with her are a number of men who furnish the money and share in the rewards. Their operations are said to have extended over a number of years, during which time they have reaped a large harvest.

"Borrowed" from Eisler.

When seen to-day the Baroness after recovering from her first surprise, said: "My husband was a poor officer. He had some trifling debts, and when he was introduced to Eisler, who appeared to be a retired business man of wealth and hoped by assisting the officers financially to better his social position, he borrowed money from him, giving as security an inheritance he was to receive."

"There was no thought in his mind that he was in the hands of a band of thieves and blackmailers, and he did not learn until afterward that Eisler and Frau Von Quitow were the leaders of a coterie who had been living off the German aristocracy for years."

"It was their method to allow an officer of rank to borrow money from them. Then under threat that unless he gave them bills for amounts far in excess of the original debt his colonel would be informed of the transaction and he dismissed would follow, they would compel the poor fellow to marry an heiress, regardless of his own wishes in the matter, and repay them the exorbitant bills."

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BARONESS WHO DEFENDS SPOUSE.



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